

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action dated on December 4, 2007.

Claims 14 and 18-20 are amended, and claim 17 is cancelled. As a result, claims 1-7, 10-16, and 18-20 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 14-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) for anticipation by Mass et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,675,045). Claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitations formerly recited by claim 17. Claim 17 has been cancelled, and claims 18-20 have been amended to correct the dependencies. Applicant believes that the rejections have thereby been overcome.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (847) 432-7302 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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